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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(b)(1) AND 1.98

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), Applicant respectfully requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, as an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b), or as a representation that no other possibly material information, as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b), exists.

Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending and co-

owned applications: "Operating System Independent Method and Apparatus for Graphical Remote

Access," Application Serial No.: 09/438,253, filed November 12, 1999, "USB Virtual Devices,"

Application Serial No.: 09544,573, filed April 6, 2000, and "Video Eavesdropping and Reverse

Assembly to Transmit Video Action to a Remote Console," Application Serial No.: 08/733,254,

filed October 18, 1996.

Furthermore, the references listed on the attached Form 1449 are not to be construed as an

admission that these references qualify as prior art as to the above-referenced application or any

related application. Rather, these references are being presented for the Examiner's consideration

without prejudice to Applicant's right to demonstrate that any of these references do not qualify as

prior art should the Examiner choose to apply any of these references.

The following information is listed below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98. Any

explanation of non-English language documents contained in this Information Disclosure Statement

is believed to constitute a concise explanation of the relevance of the listed reference as it is

presently understood by the individual designated in § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the

content of the listed reference, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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